

BRISTILE LTD KILNS

140. Mr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:

Recognising that the old Bristile Ltd kilns located in Grandstand Road, Belmont have been classified by the National Trust and entered onto the trust's national list of endangered heritage places, I ask -

- (1) Have the kilns been nominated for entry on the state Register of Heritage Places?
- (2) If yes, what is the status of that nomination?
- (3) If yes, what are the identified heritage values of that place?
- (4) If not, what, if any, other action has the minister taken to ensure conservation of the heritage value of that place?

Dr EDWARDS replied:

- (1)-(4) I thank the member for the question. I am pleased about the member's interest in heritage matters and acknowledge the role he has played in the National Trust. My understanding is that these kilns have been listed with the National Trust on the state Register of Heritage Places since 1992, but I will check that. The kilns are also on the register of the National Estate. The kilns have industrial heritage value; they have been in existence since the 1930s and have been associated with a significant industry in this State - the building industry. I assume one of the reasons the member is interested in the kilns is that as a result of the new development at Ascot Waters, some heat has been generated about how best to provide safe road access into and out of Ascot Waters. I have had discussions with both the local member, the member for Belmont, and the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and have told them that I am concerned about the heritage value of that place and want the Heritage Council of Western Australia and the other relevant departments to work together closely to ensure that we get the best outcome. We have already had one major meeting to examine the issues, and I understand that the Heritage Council and the Ministry for Planning are having active negotiations about how to get the best outcome. I anticipate getting more information from the minister shortly, and I look forward to reporting to the member in the future.